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24 May 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant for Plans & Development, NPIC

ATTENTION :

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FROM : Chief, Photographic Intelligence Division, CIA

SUBJECT : Evaluation of 13X Tube Magnifier

1. It is with considerable pleasure that we report our evaluation of the 13 power tube magnifier which you recently supplied to us. This is one of the few P.I. tools which has ever completed evaluation in this Division with unanimous approval.

2. The following are some of the comments made by our P.I.'s;
- The best piece of equipment that has ever come out of P&DS
  - Very good field of view
  - Little noticeable distortion
  - Excellent for scanning KH-4 material
  - Looks like one of the best tube magnifiers I have seen
  - This piece of equipment will become the basic tool for every P.I. along with the 2X tube magnifier
  - Suggest two of these be issued to each P.I. and the development of connector for stereo viewing

3. As you can judge from the above comments, we will anxiously await further development information on this piece of equipment. Pending information on production cost, our initial estimates indicate an anticipated requirement for 50 to 100 of these units.

4. As usual, we were pleased to have the opportunity to make this evaluation, and appreciate your alertness in anticipating its potential.

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SUPPORT/SERVICE REQUIREMENT

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NPIC DIV/DETACH PROCESSING RQMT \_\_\_\_\_ PROJ OFF \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORT REQUESTED OF \_\_\_\_\_ PRIORITY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE REQUIRED \_\_\_\_\_

(The following info is required when rqmts are levied for internal support)

DIV/STAFF \_\_\_\_\_ P&DS \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF RQMT 7 June 1965 CONTROL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORT REQUESTED OF \_\_\_\_\_ P&DS \_\_\_\_\_ PROJ OFF \_\_\_\_\_

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PRIORITY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE REQUIRED 30 January 1966

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

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The work requested is in support of a departmental: ☐ Photo interpretation proj.;  
☒ Non-photo interpretation project. It will result in: ☐ Hard copy report;  
☐ Informal report (memo); ☒ Basic service only.

Project Description: 13X Tube Magnifier

2. SPECIFIC SUPPORT/SERVICE REQUESTED: Support from NPIC will probably consist of:  
☐ Photographic; ☐ Reproduction; ☐ Mensuration; ☐ Graphics; ☐ ADP; ☐ Editing;  
☒ Other (explain below) -- (Include statement as to estimated amount of work required of support component(s); i.e., number of contact prints, enlargements, boards, etc.)

This project covers the development and procurement of highly correct 13X tube magnifiers to be fabricated by \_\_\_\_\_

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3. URGENCY JUSTIFICATION: (If immediate support is required a statement of justification must be made on this form.)

DATE OF COMPLETION

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